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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested. The undersigned wishes to thank the Examiner and supervisor for the courtesies extended during the telephone interview conducted on August 9, 2006.

As a result of the agreement reached during the telephone interview, it is believed that the claims presented herein place the application in condition for allowance.

The rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, related to written description and claims 1-12, 14, 16, 22, 25 and 33 is believed to be obviated by virtue of the cancellation of claims 1 and 33, and changing of the dependency of the remaining claims to claim 32 which has been allowed.

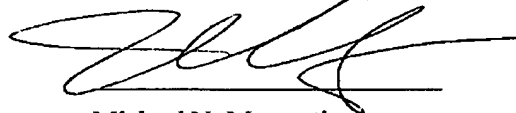
The rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, concerning claims 1-12, 14, 16, 22, 25, 31, 35 and 36 is believed to be overcome by the present amendment for the same reason as above except that independent claim 31 has been amended to reflect the Examiner's proposal wherein "containing a member of" has been replaced with "selected from". No other issues are believed to be outstanding.

Applicants urge that the application is now in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

This response is being filed within the shortened statutory period for response. No further fees are believed to be required. If, on the other hand, it is determined that any further fees are due or any overpayment has been made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit or credit such sum to deposit account number 02-2275.

Respectfully submitted,

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